



CONSTRUCTION PROJECT SITE UPDATE

Last Updated: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Project Name: Cliff Drive Underground Utility District No.10

Contact Information:

City Underground Utility Coordinator:

Jim Britsch
Facilities Management Specialist
(805) 729-4629
facilitiesmanagement@cox.net

City Project Manager:

Phone:

E-mail:

Tim Gaasch, Supervising Engineer
(805) 897-2502
TGaasch@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Contractor:

Phone:

Tidwell Excavation Acquisition Co., Inc.
(805) 647-4707

Construction Start Date:

September 14, 2009

Estimated Project Completion:

Early 2011

Project Description:

Construction work includes placing all existing overhead wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar services underground. Near the end of the construction project, the existing overhead wires and utility poles will be removed. Construction also includes new streetlighting along Cliff Drive.

The Cliff Drive Underground Utility District No. 10 Project is a joint effort by Southern California Edison (SCE), Verizon, Cox Communications and the City of Santa Barbara, funded predominately by SCE rate-payer fees.

Project Location:

Construction work is located on Cliff Drive from Salida Del Sol to approximately 400 feet west of Mesa Lane, including surrounding streets.

Project Progress:

Phase I to be complete by June 2010.

The first phase of work includes the installation of new underground infrastructure by Tidwell. During this phase, the roads will remain open. However, construction will require some lane closures. Tidwell is required to provide necessary provisions to ensure public safety and maintain traffic circulations. This work will last approximately 8 months.

During the second phase, SCE, Verizon and Cox will install their wires and the new underground system is energized. This phase will last approximately 6 months and minimal lane closures are expected.

The final phase of work includes removal of the existing overhead wires and wooden utility poles. This work will take a couple of months and minimal lane closures are expected.

Project Photos:

The photos below show Cliff Drive with existing overhead utilities (left) and a rendition of Cliff Drive with overhead utilities removed (right).



Cliff Drive with overhead utilities



Rendition of Cliff Drive with overhead utilities removed

Project Vicinity Map:

